

The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on March 23, 1981 with Chairman, William Press, Jr. presiding.

As required by Senate Bill No. 256, the following is the list of the attenders at this meeting:

Virginia Shaw	Beatrice Jaffe	Mary Morley
Rae Gerstine	Ruth Shaw	Gene Shaw
Jean Brachman	Cy Kiberman	Patricia Press
W.C. Press	David Warner	Susan Warner
W. S. Vandever	A. Sykulski	Jim Brooks
Janet Tschopp	Roy Tschopp	Charles Lantz N.V
Sam Starr	Bernard Brachman	Zola Davis
Clyde Davis	Marjorie Roberts	Ruth Estes
Shaul Gladstone	Houston Roberts	Alton Dahl
Lee Starr	June Kleban	Gail Rinehart
Sarah Hamburger	Aaron Hamburger	Irene Heymann
Frank Heyman	Frank Akutowicz	Beverly Gulley
James Gulley	William Bailey	Sally Thurston
Susan Coville N.V.	Ruth Holcomb	Barbara Fenske
Mary Burslem	Joan W. Colgan	Carolyn Liberman
Bertha Brooks	D. Holcomb	John Hewlett
William Morley	F. Herzog	Diane Kershaw
Wayne Kershaw	William Bindloss	Thomas E. Colgan
Tony Colgan	Karen Thomas	Ted Thomas
Ruth Panella	Helen Macklem	Wendy Messick Harris
A. Harris	Ken Reinkop NV	Bob Hickens NV
Bea Phillips	Paul Thompson	

The minutes of the January 26 1981 on motion approved as circulated.

The following correspondence was received and read: Letter of resignation from John Grimaldi from Board of Assessor, Letter of resignation from Mary Morley as Town Assembly secretary, Letter of resignation from Clyde Davis from Budget Committee, oral resignation from Michael Curtis as chairman of Town Assembly and oral resignation from the floor by Aaron Hamburger as chairman of Advisory committee. On motion these resignations were accepted.

A letter was received from Charlotte Shedd complaining about the dogs running at large. It is against the law and the dogs do a lot of damage to foliage, they are danger to children and adults. She appealed to the Town Assembly to take steps to rid the community of this unsettling situation. There is a dog ordinance to handle this problem.

It was reported that ACRA was in serious trouble and they may not have a summer program for lack of funds.

Aaron Hamburger called the meetings attention to policy of NO Smoking in the Gild Hall because of fire regulations. Smoking is permitted in the lobby, bathrooms, and back stage rooms.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that the rules of the Town Assembly be suspended and the the elections be handled at this time.

The ballots were passed out and the names of Clyde Davis, , Michael Curtis Aaron Hamber, Mary Morley be dleted. Mary Morley was nominated to serve on the Civic Committee and Sarah Hamburger was nominated to serve as Town Assembly Secretary.

At the March meeting of the Advisory committee Virginia Shaw was directed to contact all of defeated Assessors who had been elected by Proportional Representation to find out if they would submit their names for election tonight to fill John Grimaldi's place on the Board. Many felt that the unelected candidate, Donald Holcomb, should fill the position, but it was decided to have the election tonight on the regular ballot. The following were nominated and willing to serve if elected: Donald Holcomb, Norman Barron, Frank Herzog, Lee Starr.

A motion was made and passed unanimously "That the Town Assembly direct that the Advisory Committee to research the problem of electing replacement to the Board of Assessors and report to the next Town Assembly with recommendations.

No reports from the Assessors, Auditing, Budget Committees.

Civic Committee report by Joan Colgan: Gail Rinehart reported that Laxton Trash collection would cost \$22,500-\$500 more than budgeted amount; however since it does not exceed \$1,000, the \$500, can be taken from the Contingency fund. This was checked with Budget, Advisory committees and Trustee.

A town spring clean-up will be held in May.

The Civic Committee along with the Trustees through the Arden Page urged leaseholders to clean up their lots and the town-right-of-way in front of their homes.

We signed a contract with Apex Lawn and Garden Service for cutting and trim the Greens, BWVC greens and the Sweep area. The Apex bid was lower and offered more than Clark's who had the contract last year.

When all danger of snow and ice is past, Wayne Kershaw will clear sand and debris from roads as well as all other debris on the town right-of-way.

The sand and salt currently stored at the end of Hillside Road will also be removed.

The Civic Committee thanked Mary Morley for her years of service as their Secretary. The report on motion received.

During discussion of the report it was reported that an auxiliary parking light has been placed on the Sherwood Green and the cost of the light will be paid by the Arden Club.

The possibility of collecting papers in the Ardens was tabled.

There has been reports that a chain saw is being used to cut trees in the forest. This is prohibited and anyone aware of this should call Gail Rinehart so it can be controlled.

The Registration Committee report was sent to the meeting by Virginia Shaw. There are 399 voters as of March 23.

The committee reports progress in planning a series of neighborhood get-acquainted parties similar to those held several times in the recent past.

Our inventory of town records, long in preparation, is nearly finished. Later this week a representative of the State Public Records Service will meet with our chief records custodian to

examine our inventory and files. This is a major step in setting our records management schedule. When is complete all town officials will know precisely what records must be kept, how long, and what their own duties are in respect to their files. Report on motion accepted

The Buzz Ware Village Center committee has held several informal discussions with representatives of Monterssori to review their needs for additional space. All suggested plans require action by the Town Assembly. Under new business we will hear a review of their needs and suggested solutions.

Playground Committee: One inspection was held this quarter. They are returning \$18.32 of unexpended money from budget.

Next project will be purchase and planting of a shade tree to replace the tree cut down in the southeast corner of the school playground.

Montessori offers excess mulch to town residents. Residents are invited to come and carry away as much as they wish. Report accepted.

The Community Planning Committee has selected a place for a dogwood nursery on the green next to the stile path. We will have the ground plowed soon and then we will transplant saplings from the wood. Anyone who wishes to help with this project may volunteer through any member of the committee. The report on motion approved.

No report from the Safety Committee.

Report from the Trustees by Cy Liberman: The financial report as distributed shows the village got through the fiscal year within the budget through the use of the contingency fund and a carry-over from last year.

Land rents for new year are coming in well. The Trustees have emphasized many times that their primary responsibility is to collect the rent and they do that even if it becomes necessary to resort to legal means. At present there are just a few cases of delinquency in payment of land rent. Unless the past due amount is promptly received, they will have to resort to legal action, despite their reluctance to do so.

As you all know, the "welcome hither" sign at the stile near entrance to Arden was stolen recently. The Trustees have offered a reward of \$ 100 for information leading to arrest of the vandal or vandals who sawed off the sign and removed it. D on Holcomb has volunteered to build a new sign and we are very grateful for that. On motion the report accepted.

Arden Arts Acquisition Committee.

The committee is sponsoring a bus trip to the Smithsonian on Sunday, June 7 leaving Arden a 8 A. M and returning from Washington a 4 P.M. The fare is \$15 per person, part or all of the fare may be tax deductible. A flyer will be prepared to give information on the special exhibits at the galleries as well as the museums. Reservations will be confirmed by your check made payable to the Arden Arts Acquisition Committee. Reservations can be made by calling either Libermans or Roberts.

Historic walking tours will be sponsored by the committee starting in mid May. Residents are welcome to volunteer as guides. Call Joan Colgan for information. The committee will be working to raise money for

acquisitions. . Donations are always welcome. The report on motion received.

No report from 80th Anniversary commiee

Charles Lantz, leaseholder of Lot #1, corner of Marsh and Harvey Roads. He had approached the County Board of Adjustment for adjustment to leaseholder that is zoned non-conforming. He wants to add two more apartment to the present building and make it into a square English Tudor. This would cost Arden more in taxes, but land rent would not go up.

It was felt that we need more information concerning how this change would affect Arden. A motion was made by Hugh Roberts and seconded by Aaron Hamburger "That the problem of the use of Mr. Lance's property be directed to the Community Planning Committee for review and recommendations be made to the next Town Assembly. Motion was carried.

Marie Dugan, director of the Montessori School met with Town Assembly to present plans for a proposed addition to the school. They need more space for expansion. They propose adding two temporary addition to the present school. They would be two section either attached to present building or in back of the basketball court. The new buildings would belong to the Montessori School. They would want a long term lease. They would have to have an answer soon in order to start the building.

In order to facilitate the problem and make it possible to start construction the following motion was made by Hugh Roberts, seconded by Bertha Brooks that "Problem of addition to Buzz Ware Village Center be referred to the Buzz Ware Village Center Committee and Community Planning for study and recommendations be made at a special Town Assembly. It was amended to set up the date of April 20 at the BWVC for the meeting. Amendment carried unanimously. The original motion was passed.

The Registration Committee reported the following were elected"

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Alton Dahl, Convener, William Bindloss, Gail Rinehart
BUDGET COMMITTEE: Leon Tanzer, Convener, Harold Monfort, Dora Johnson
CIVIC COMMITTEE: Joan Colgan, Convener, Gail Rinehart, Mary Morley
COMMUNITY PLANNING: Patricia Press, Convener, Cy Liberman, Ethel Monfort
REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Virginia Shaw, Convener, Carolyn Liberman, Beatrice Jaffe, Jean Brachman. Last two asked to serve because of tie vote.
SAFETY COMMITTEE: Wayne Kershaw, Convener, Paul Thompson, David Warner, James Brooks
BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE: Yvonne King, Convener, Diane Kershaw, Marjorie van Gulick
PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Frank Heymann, Convener, Beverly Barnett, William Bailey
TOWN ASSEMBLY, CHAIRMAN: William Press
ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Hugh Roberts
SECRETARY TOWN ASSEMBLY: Sarah Hamburger
TREASURER OF TOWN ASSEMBLY: Rae Gerstine
ASSESSOR: Donald Holcomb

A birthday surprise cake celebration was planned by Pat Press and Pat Liberman for several of the town members who celebrated birthdays during the period. Everyone enjoyed this.

The meeting on motion adjourned,

Mary Morley
 Secretary

MUNICIPAL STREET AID FUND

Balance in Bank March 25, 1981	\$ 107.74
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REVENUE SHARING FUND

Balance in Bank March 25, 1981	\$1105.63
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Receipts
April

716.00

Balance in Bank June 22, 1981	\$1821.63
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BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER

Balance in Bank March 25, 1981	\$1563.19
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Receipts

April

525.00

May

525.00

June

525.00

1575.00

\$3138.19

Disbursements

Terminix International

45.00

Alfred L. Bratten-salary

975.00

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64.83

Trustees of Arden - taxes

910.17

139.42

1094.59

Balance in Bank June 22, 1981	\$2043.60
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Savings Account

\$5707.65

\$7751.25

TRUSTEES OF ARDEN AND VILLAGE OF ARDEN, INC.

BALANCE SHEET

MARCH 24, 1981 AND 1980

TRUSTEES OF ARDEN

GENERAL FUND

	<u>1 9 8 1</u>	<u>1 9 8 0</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash in checking account	\$ 16,209.77	\$ 5,892.68
Cash in savings account	5,906.80	17,374.56
Investments (a)	90,785.61	84,810.99
Receivables	<u>9,473.05</u>	<u>5,865.44</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$122,375.23</u>	<u>\$113,943.67</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</u>		
Accrued liability for trash collection	\$ 1,871.00	\$ 1,163.00
Payroll taxes withheld	73.23	93.57
Art Acquisition Fund	310.00	310.00
80th Anniversary Fund	497.60	-
Rents received in advance (b)	58,849.80	32,318.91
Reserve for Roads Expense	-	5,218.24
Surplus	<u>60,773.60</u>	<u>74,839.95</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	<u>\$122,375.23</u>	<u>\$113,943.67</u>

(a) Stated at cost; redeemable within
one year following fiscal year-end

(b) For land rentals of succeeding year

VILLAGE OF ARDEN, INC.

MUNICIPAL STREET AID FUND

Cash in checking account	\$ <u>107.74</u>	\$ <u>667.81</u>
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REVENUE SHARING FUND

Cash in checking account	\$ <u>1,105.63</u>	\$ <u>3,112.27</u>
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VILLAGE CENTER FUND

Cash in checking account	\$ 1,563.19	\$ 187.11
Cash in savings account	5,707.65	8,374.37
Less Liability for taxes withheld	<u>(64.83)</u>	<u>(54.24)</u>
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 7,206.01</u>	<u>\$ 8,507.24</u>

TRUSTEES OF ARDENINCOME AND EXPENSEYEARS ENDED MARCH 24, 1981 AND 1980

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>1 9 8 0 - 8 1</u>		<u>1 9 7 9 - 8 0</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Land rentals	\$111,000.00	\$110,261.28	\$110,689.77
Installment on sale of roads right of way	2,100.00	2,055.63	2,078.82
Interest income	6,200.00	12,585.92	11,075.45
Other income	1,000.00	1,470.76	1,414.75
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$120,300.00</u>	<u>\$126,373.59</u>	<u>\$125,258.79</u>
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
<u>General Expense:</u>			
Roads	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,329.01	\$ 9,615.99
Commons & Forests	9,000.00	11,097.76	8,384.01
Salary-Assembly Secretary	1,725.00	1,725.00	1,566.00
Salary-Village Treasurer	400.00	400.00	302.00
Playground Oversight Committee	1,600.00	1,581.68	1,184.06
Registration Committee expense	1,000.00	864.70	937.02
Rent of Gild Hall	330.00	330.00	300.00
Donation to Fire Company	300.00	300.00	250.00
Donation to ACRA	300.00	300.00	275.00
Buzz Ware Village Center	500.00	131.63	175.21
Contingencies	2,000.00	101.29	681.71
Safety Committee expense	500.00	32.00	280.59
Community trash collection	22,000.00	22,067.25	18,210.43
Total General Expense	<u>\$ 48,655.00</u>	<u>\$ 47,260.32</u>	<u>\$ 42,162.02</u>
<u>Property Taxes:</u>			
School District taxes	\$ 70,743.00	\$ 64,576.85	\$ 63,378.67
County taxes	22,757.00	22,764.64	22,619.66
Total Property Taxes	<u>\$ 93,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 87,341.49</u>	<u>\$ 85,998.33</u>
<u>Administrative Expenses:</u>			
Salary-Secretary & assistants		\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,892.50
Office rent		1,200.00	1,075.00
Auditing		525.00	575.00
Insurance		1,653.00	1,491.00
Payroll taxes		377.43	249.84
Miscellaneous		432.70	562.76
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,838.13</u>	<u>\$ 5,846.10</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$148,155.00</u>	<u>\$140,439.94</u>	<u>\$134,006.45</u>
NET INCOME (EXPENSE)	<u>\$ (27,855.00)</u>	<u>\$ (14,066.35)</u>	<u>\$ (8,747.66)</u>
Surplus - Beginning of year		\$ 74,839.95	\$ 83,587.61
Surplus - End of year		<u>\$ 60,773.60</u>	<u>\$ 74,839.95</u>

VILLAGE OF ARDEN, INC.

INCOME AND EXPENSE

YEARS ENDED MARCH 24, 1981 AND 1980

	<u>1980 - 81</u>	<u>1979 - 80</u>
<u>MUNICIPAL STREET AID FUND</u>		
Receipts-Allotment from State of Delaware	\$ 9,493.39	\$11,911.39**
Expenditures:		
To General Fund for roads right of way	2,055.63	2,078.82
Roads expense	7,897.83	9,115.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$10,053.46</u>	<u>\$11,293.82</u>
Net Receipts (Expenditures)	\$ (560.07)	\$ 617.57
Cash Balance - Beginning of year	<u>667.81</u>	<u>50.24</u>
Cash Balance - End of year	<u>\$ 107.74</u>	<u>\$ 667.81</u>
<u>REVENUE SHARING FUND</u>		
Receipts-Allotment from United States Government	\$ 2,821.00	\$ 2,896.00
Expenditures - Roads expense, etc.	<u>4,827.64*</u>	<u>566.00</u>
Net Receipts (Expenditures)	<u>\$(2,006.64)</u>	<u>\$ 2,330.00</u>
Cash Balance - Beginning of year	<u>3,112.27</u>	<u>782.27</u>
Cash Balance - End of year	<u>\$ 1,105.63</u>	<u>\$ 3,112.27</u>
<u>VILLAGE CENTER FUND</u>		
Income from Wilmington Montessori Assn.	\$ 6,225.00	\$ 6,100.00
Interest earned	<u>333.28</u>	<u>435.23</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 6,558.28</u>	<u>\$ 6,535.23</u>
Expense:		
Salary - Custodian	\$ 3,455.00	\$ 2,890.00
Maintenance	3,984.04	4,271.21
Payroll taxes	283.65	154.86
Miscellaneous	<u>136.82</u>	<u>354.66</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 7,859.51</u>	<u>\$ 7,670.73</u>
Net Income (Expense)	<u>\$(1,301.23)</u>	<u>\$(1,135.50)</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of year	<u>8,507.24</u>	<u>9,642.74</u>
Fund Balance - End of year	<u>\$ 7,206.01</u>	<u>\$ 8,507.24</u>

* Includes \$500 for special clean-up

** Includes \$2,380.94 supplemental allotment for repair of winter and storm damage